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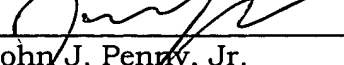
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**UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AA *	5,914,748 (first page ONLY)	06/22/1999	Parulski, et al.	348/239	08/30/1996
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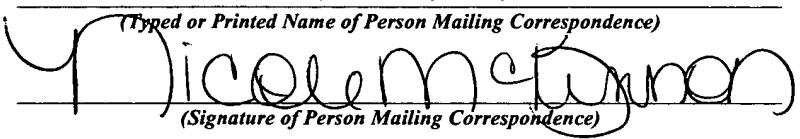
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